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### *Panchayat Officers.*

* 1248 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state how many of the present Panchayat Officers belong to Harijan community?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" Two District Panchayat Officers and three Deputy Panchayat Officers belong to the Harijan community."

SRI A. RATHINAM:—" Sir, may I know how many Panchayat Officers are there in the State, what are their functions, whether any exemption is extended to the Harijan candidates in the matter of these appointments? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" I require notice, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" Sir, in view of the fact that the recruitment is being done by the Indian Labour Board and in view of the fact that the communal Government Order is not observed for such recruitments, will the Government consider the desirability of leaving these recruitments to the Madras Public Service Commission which is expected to be above discrimination? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" There is no direct recruitment to the posts of District Panchayat Officers' category; there is only recruitment of Deputy Panchayat Officers and even that has been left to the Public Service Commission recently."

SRI S. VEMIAH:—" Sir, may I know the qualifications required for appointment as District Panchayat Officers and Deputy Panchayat Officers respectively? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" The minimum qualification for non-Harijans is Graduate, Sir. Some exemptions are made in regard to Harijans."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN:—" Sir, arising out of the reply given by the Hon. Minister for Co-operation, that there are two District Panchayat Officers and three Deputy Panchayat Officers belonging to the Harijan community, may I know whether he will take immediate steps to recruit more of Harijan candidates with suitable qualifications? There are a large number of graduates who are unemployed in the Harijan community. Would the Government take immediate steps to appoint these persons directly as District Panchayat Officers and Deputy Panchayat Officers? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" Sir, recruitment is made only when there are vacancies."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD:—" Sir, may I know since what period has recruitment to these posts of District Panchayat Officers and Deputy Panchayat Officers been left to the Public Service Commission? "

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, direct recruitment to the category of Deputy Panchayat Officers has been left to the Commission since one year. They have not so far called for applications, as there is no need for recruitment now."

SRI D. DASARATHAN :—" Sir, is it a fact that many of the candidates who had completed the Panchayat Officers' course at their own cost have not been provided with a job and will the Government be pleased to accommodate them with suitable other jobs? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It is a different question, Sir. That was answered already."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" Sir, as seen from the reply of the Hon. Minister, the number of officers are negligible from the Harijan community. May I know the reasons for such discrimination against that community, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, these appointments were made long ago and not now."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government are still following the communal Government Order in view of the Supreme Court decision? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" There is no communal G.O., Sir."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Sir, what is the guiding factor for the Government for making appointments, the communal G.O. or efficiency of the Officers employed? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Qualifications and other capacities, Sir."

SRI BOJJA APPALASWAMY :—" రాష్ట్రం మొత్తంలో ఇద్దరే ఇద్దరు జిల్లా పంచాయితీ ఆఫీసర్లు, ముగ్గురే ముగ్గురు డిప్యూటీ జిల్లా పంచాయితీ ఆఫీసర్లు, హరిజనులై ఉన్నారని మంత్రిగారు చెప్పారు. B.A. M.A. లు పాస్ అయిన హరిజన యువకులు ఉద్యోగాలులేక అలమటిస్తున్నారు. అటువంటివారిని Communal G.O. ప్రకారం ఉద్యోగాలలో వేస్తారా? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, some seats are reserved for Harijans and they are recruited at present according to that policy."

*Loans from Central Government for famine relief.*

* 1249 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been made to the Government of India by the Madras Government for the grant of loans and subsidy to meet the expenses in connection with famine relief expenses; and

(*b*) if so, the amounts requested for and the relief measures for which the grants are proposed to be spent?